



Bernice Braggs

May 7, 1935 - February 27, 2025

A Time to be born....

Bernice Elizabeth Braggs was born on May 7, 1935, in Reidsville, North Carolina to John Richard Howard and Catherine Simpson-Howard. She spent her early years in Reidsville, North Carolina, and Asbury Park, New Jersey.

A Time for Family.....

In the summer of 1953, she met the love of her life Earnest Braggs, Sr., in Asbury Park, New Jersey. They were united in marriage on September 6, 1953. God blessed their union with four beautiful children. They later moved to Pompano Beach, Florida in 1956. She was a devoted wife and loving mother to their children: Anthony Bernard Braggs, Sr., Phyllis Braggs Hamilton, Karen Braggs McCall, and Earnest Braggs, Jr.

A Time to Serve....

Bernice Braggs gave her life to Jesus Christ sometime after 1956, where she baptized at 16th Avenue Church of Christ in Pompano Beach, Florida. She also served as a member of the 15th Street Church of Christ in Pompano Beach, Florida where she served as a Sunday School teacher, assisted with the Youth Director activities, and was a member of the Benevolence Committee. She later moved her membership the Deerfield Beach Church of Christ where she labored until her untimely passing. Through the years she has actively been a part of various committees, workshops and leadership

conferences.

She had beautiful smile, and a great sense of humor, that would keep you laughing. She loved to travel, visit the sick, and help others in their time of need. Her love of church and family went way beyond her own family, nurturing many children as her own where she was often considered as a second mother.

A Time for Work...

Bernice began doing domestic housework upon her moving to Pompano Beach. In the mid-sixties she opened, directed, and operated the Sander Park Nursery and Daycare Center where she cared for and nurtured many of her church members and the surrounding communities' children. She worked for Bendix Avionics from January 1972 until April 1993, retiring after 21 years of service. Bernice enjoyed baking so much that she started her own home business, to which she named Bernie's Baked Goods. Bernie's Baked Goods starred her famous red velvet cake where customers came from Dade and Palm Beach counties to buy them-her cakes were oh so good.

A Time to Mourn....

Bernice E. Braggs transitioned from this earthly life on February 27, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents: John Richard Howard and Catherine Simpson-Howard, Husband: Earnest Braggs, Sr., sister: Margaret Howard Stokes, brothers: Early Howard and Willie Morris Howard.

She leaves to cherish her legacy and memories, daughters: Karen Braggs-McCall (Billy) of Coconut Creek, Florida and Phyllis Braggs Hamilton of Apopka, Florida, sons: Anthony Bernard Braggs, Sr. (Carol) of Acworth, Georgia and Earnest Braggs, Sr. (Phillis) of Lauderhill, Florida, sister-in-law: Daisy Johnson of Pompano Beach, Florida special niece: Velma Gurnell of Indianapolis, Indiana. Grandchildren: Anthony Braggs, Jr., Antoinette Liddell, Antwan Braggs, Sheresa Braggs, Ernest Hamilton III, Billy McCall, Jr.,

Kimeisha Braggs, Earnest Braggs Iii, Pricilla Braggs, 29 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends who loved her dearly.

Cemetery Details

Pompano Beach Cemetery

400 SE 23rd Avenue
Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Deerfield Church of Christ
360 SW 2nd Ave
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Service

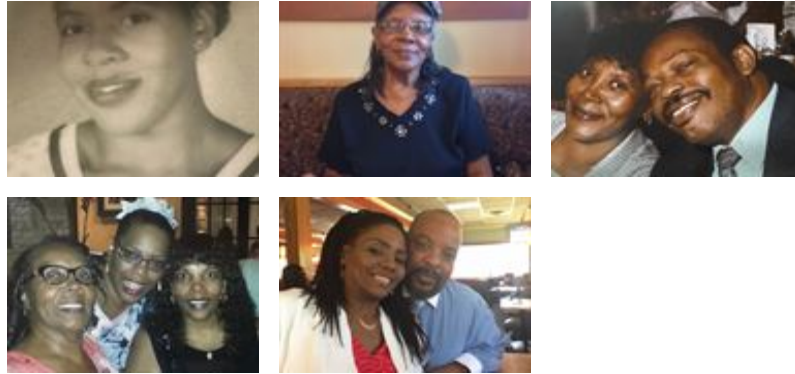
MAR 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Deerfield Church of Christ
360 SW 2nd Ave
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

Tribute Wall



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 07, 2025 at 03:12 PM

DC

“ Dr. Jeannette C. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Bernice Braggs.



Dr. Jeannette C. - March 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM

EB

“ Eric, Doriann, and Devon Boatwright purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bernice Braggs.



Eric, Doriann, and Devon Boatwright - March 07, 2025 at 12:29 AM

EB

“ Eric, Doriann, and Devon Boatwright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bernice Braggs.

Eric, Doriann, and Devon Boatwright - March 07, 2025 at 12:29 AM

HJ

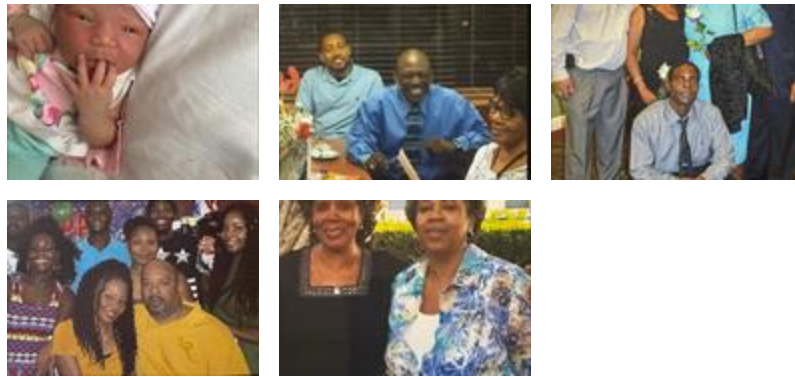
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Herman Boatwright, Jr. - March 06, 2025 at 11:38 PM



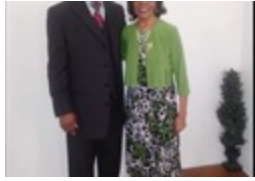
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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 06, 2025 at 05:16 PM

CB

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Carol Braggs - March 05, 2025 at 12:10 AM



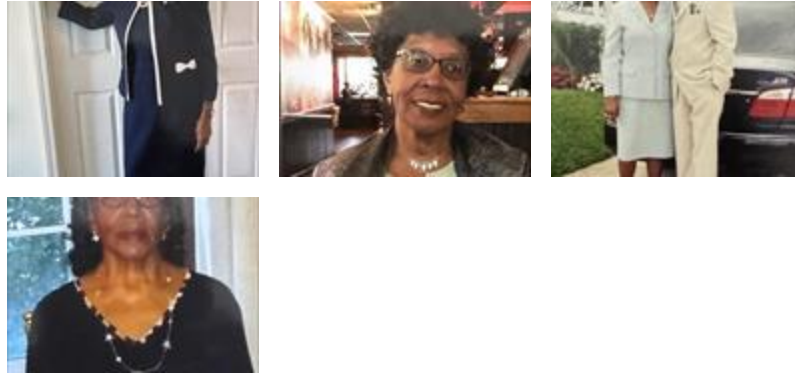
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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 04, 2025 at 03:22 PM



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L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - March 03, 2025 at 03:02 PM

CJ

“ My fondest memories of Aunt Bernie was the talks she and I had over times because she was a true believer and always kept God first in her life. My condolences to the family. Aunt Bernie you will truly be missed. Xoxoxoxoxoxo

Cheryl John - March 02, 2025 at 11:34 PM

EB

“ Ethel Burns lit a candle in memory of Bernice Braggs



Ethel Burns - March 02, 2025 at 02:13 PM

EB

What a sweet, caring neighbor Sis. Braggs was. May God Bless and continue to strengthen the family.

Ethel and Andrew Burns

Ethel Burns - March 02, 2025 at 02:18 PM

TH

“ *My Condolences to the family..She was the sweetest..caring and kind... RIH...* 🕊️🕊️❤️

Tia Hawkins - February 28, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JP

“ *James And Reneé Palmer lit a candle in memory of Bernice Braggs*



James and Reneé Palmer - February 27, 2025 at 08:48 PM

SH

“ *Sherry Holmes lit a candle in memory of Bernice Braggs*



Sherry Holmes - February 27, 2025 at 08:35 PM

SH

Darrell and I send our deepest sympathy to the Braggs family on the loss of your mother. Mrs. Braggs was a very pleasant and caring lady. She will be missed.

Sherry Holmes - February 27, 2025 at 08:39 PM

TM

To the Braggs family,

Tim McCall and family would like to express our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. We all know that life on earth is short, but Ms. Braggs truly lived it to the fullest. She was an amazing mother, always putting the needs, wants, and desires of others before her own. Her love and kindness touched so many lives. While she will be deeply missed, her legacy will continue to live on forever.

Tim McCall - February 28, 2025 at 11:13 AM

DJ

Bernice crossed my mind a few minutes ago. I didn't know that she had passed away. She was a very sweet and kind person. Both our husbands worked together in the detective bureau at the old Pompano Beach Police Department. I remember when we went to Earnest and Bernice's home in Pompano for a BBQ back in the mid-late 80s, and we had such a wonderful time. My husband, Jack, passed away in 1992. I contacted Bernice after Earnest passed away in 1996. We kept in touch on and off for a few years, but then lost touch as I had moved quite a few times. I will always have fond memories of them both. They were wonderful people and now they're together, never to be separated again. Prayers for their family and friends. ~Debbie Joyce

Debbie Joyce - December 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM